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SUBJECT: GOB CONDITIONS ACCEPTANCE OF MTN RESULTS TO PRIOR
RATIFICATION BY US CONGRESS

REF: BRASILIA 1667

1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE ENTITLED
"BRAZIL WILL ACCEPT GATT AGREEMENT ONLY AFTER RATIFICATION
BY THE USA", PUBLISHED IN "JORNAL DO BRASIL" MARCH 9:

BEGIN TRANSLATION: THE GOB WILL SUBSCRIBE TO THE
RESULTS OF THE MTN IN THE GATT ONLY IF THEY ARE FIRST
RATIFIED BY THE US CONGRESS, ACCORDING TO MINISTER JOSE
BOTAFOGO (GONCALVES), (CHIEF) OF THE FONMIN'S TRADE POLICY
DIVISION.

MINISTER BOTAFOGO STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE
MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE EEC HAVE ALREADY ANNOUNCED THAT
THEY WILL ADOPT THE SAME POSITION. HE SAID THAT
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BRAZIL WILL ALSO AWAIT RATIFICATION BY THE EEC. THE
GATT NEGOTIATIONS (MTN) SHOULD BE CONCLUDED BY DECEMBER.

THE DIPLOMAT STATED THAT THE MEETINGS HELD LAST
WEEK IN BRASILIA BETWEEN USG AND GOB OFFICIALS WERE
ONLY CONCERNED WITH THE TWO COUNTRIES' RESPECTIVE
POSITIONS ON A SUBSIDIES CODE WHICH SHOULD BE

NEGOTIATED IN GATT BEGINNING IN APRIL OR MAY. HE SAID THAT THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE DIFFERENT BUT NOT OPPOSED, AND THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE CONCENTRATED IN GENEVA. HE COMMENTED THAT IN THIS INSTANCE, AS NORMALLY HAPPENS, THE TWO SIDES BEGIN AT EXTREME POSITIONS IN ORDER TO PERHAPS MEET IN THE MIDDLE.

MINISTER BOTAFOGO SUMMARIZED THE BRAZILIAN POSITION IN THREE POINTS:

- (1) COUNTERVAILING DUTIES CAN ONLY BE APPLIED TO PRODUCTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES IF INJURY TO THE LOCAL INDUSTRY IS PROVED;
- (2) THIS INJURY MUST BE VERIFIED BY AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION NAMED BY GATT;
- (3) DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD CONCEDE S&D TREATMENT TO LDCS. END TRANSLATION:
JOHNSON

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